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Kinship of the Monopolist to the Highway Robber.



By WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

I INSIST that the commandment "Thou shalt not steal" applies as much to the monopolist as to the highwayman, and we shall not make any material progress in the protection of the people from private monopolies until we are prepared to obliterate THE LINE THAT SOCIETY HAS DRAWN BETWEEN THE ORDINARY THIEF AND THE LARGER CRIMINAL WHO HOLDS UP SOCIETY AND PLUNDERS THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF PRIVATE MONOPOLY.

The man who stands by the wayside and, holding a revolver to your head, demands your money or your life is no more a criminal, measured by every moral standard, than the man who, obtaining control of a nation's fuel, collects a tribute from every householder, offering him the alternative of payment or suffering from lack of fire.

It is entirely possible that very many of those who enjoy the benefits of monopoly—some as managers, some as directors and some merely as stockholders—are unconscious of the principle involved, UNCONSCIOUS OF THE MORAL CHARACTER OF THEIR CONDUCT, but surely this is an opportune time to impress upon the conscience of the nation the real moral character of the conduct of the monopolist.

And it is not sufficient that we shall appeal to the conscience of the monopolist alone. If a highwayman were to engage a lawyer to follow a few rods behind him with a horse that he might have a ready means of escape after having committed an act of robbery, we would call the lawyer a party to the crime, and we would visit upon him the same punishment visited upon the principal in the robbery, and so if some one living near the spot where the robbery was committed furnished the robber with a change of clothing or, in return for a part of the booty, conspired with him to conceal the booty until suspicion was past, such a one could not escape legal responsibility for the crime.

AND YET IT IS CONSIDERED QUITE RESPECTABLE TODAY FOR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PREDATORY WEALTH TO VISIT STATE CAPITALS AND NATIONAL CAPITALS AND PREVENT THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM PRIVATE MONOPOLIES, AND IT IS EVEN MORE RESPECTABLE FOR THE SALARIED ATTORNEYS OF THESE MONOPOLIES TO FOLLOW CLOSE AFTER THE OFFENDERS AND FURNISH THEM HORSES IN THE WAY OF LEGAL TECHNICALITIES UPON WHICH TO ESCAPE FROM PUNISHMENT.

On the Stability of Character.

By President HADLEY of Yale.

EVERY day and every hour we have to be making choices. Sometimes the matter to be decided is one like the choice of a profession, which will affect our whole future life and which demands months of careful thought. Sometimes it is a mere trivial choice of what we shall eat or drink, what we shall say or do for our amusement, which is settled upon the instant and then forgotten. This principle we call a man's philosophy of life.

A CHILD CAN PERHAPS GET ON WITHOUT SUCH A PHILOSOPHY, CONTENT TO DECIDE EACH QUESTION UNDER THE CONTROLLING IMPULSE OR CONTROLLING FORCE OF THE MOMENT. A MAN CANNOT, AT LEAST NOT UNLESS HE IS CONTENT TO REMAIN INTELLECTUALLY AND MORALLY A CHILD. HE CANNOT ACT ON ONE PRINCIPLE AT ONE MOMENT AND ANOTHER PRINCIPLE AT ANOTHER MOMENT AND EXPECT ANYBODY TO TRUST HIM.

He will have no stability of character. Nay, if we are to define character as the habit of doing the same thing under different circumstances, he will be destitute of character itself.

Prophecy of Prosperity For Year 1910.

By President A. W. GARRETT of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

MARK my word, 1910 will be THE GREATEST YEAR IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY.

The remainder of this year will show improvement in the conditions, next year will see business grow in volume, and 1910 will open the eyes of the world. This is bound to come.

Confidence will have been restored, the money which is now being hoarded through a general distrust of what the morrow may bring will be poured into investing channels, and we shall see a GROWTH IN BUSINESS WHICH WILL SATISFY THE FAIREST HOPES.

KEEPING TAB ON THE U. S. RAILWAYS

DETAILS OF THEIR BUSINESS MUST BE MADE PUBLIC.

LIST OF QUESTIONS SENT

All the Roads Engaged in Interstate Commerce Commission a Series of Questions That Require Immediate Responses.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—All the railroads engaged in interstate commerce have received from the Interstate Commerce Commission outlines of the annual reports that they are required to make up for the year ending June 30.

A few questions the railroads are required to answer are as follows: Names of the ten largest holders of securities, whether these are trustees, and for whom.

Names of roads controlled, through stock ownership or otherwise and conditions of control.

Under what government is the company organized.

Names and mileage of all roads whose operations are included in income account.

Details of outside operations.

Securities issued during this year, for what purpose and cash realized therefor.

Railroad and other stocks and bonds owned, either directly or indirectly.

All important changes that have taken place during the year, extensions, leases, consolidations, or reorganizations.

Employes and their salaries, from general offices down. Tonnage and average rates per mile.

All accidents and their results. The usual information regarding earnings, expenses, capitalization.

HONORS FOR ATHLETES.

Tomorrow All New York City Will Be En Fet.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—No body of athletes was perhaps ever so honored as the American Olympic Athletes are to be honored here Saturday.

Acting Mayor McGowan has issued a proclamation giving the freedom of the city to the athletes and also requesting that office buildings and residences be decorated with flags and bunting. His instructions are being followed with enthusiasm. A parade will have 20,000 persons in line including detachments of United States troops, members of the national guard and naval militia, representatives from Athletic Clubs of the country, an automobile division, a bicycle division, and group after group of club and Association marchers. Acting Mayor McGowan will present each of the ninety six Olympic athletes with a medal. The grandstand where the presentation will take place will be handsomely decorated the chief feature being the American flag that Ralph Rose, the champion shot putter, carried when the athletes marched before Queen Alexandra.

Monday the athletes will go to Oyster Bay to be congratulated by President Roosevelt.

STRUCK BY AUTO.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28.—In a collision between a stolen automobile and a vegetable wagon, about 1 a. m. this morning, John Stacker and Ira Ballowne, who were driving the wagon, were seriously injured. The automobile which had been stolen from W. Whittier, early last evening, was deserted by the men who were driving it. Saker is probably fatally injured. As soon as the accident occurred the driver of the automobile and another man, who was in the machine jumped out and escaped.

THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers tonight; Saturday, fair south; showers north portion; westerly winds.

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The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Bee Demonstrations.
Mr. Ahler, the Necanicum bee expert, will give demonstrations in the handling and management of bees in the basement of the court house at 9 a. m. and at 3 p. m. today and tomorrow.

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At Logan's Hall.

Scandinavian Sangerfest will be held at Logan's Hall, August 29th. 8-25-5c

For Rubber Stamps and Typewriter Supplies see Lenora Benoit, Public Stenographer, 447 Commercial street.

For Sale.

Twelve shares Northern Oyster companies stock, one hundred and thirty dollars (130) per share. Apply Imperial Restaurant. 8-9-11.

WATCH OUR GREENHORN."

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—E. J. Schroeder's Dixie III, American's champion motorboat, which has already won the British international cup and the gold challenge cup in the Thousand Islands, will be entered in the annual Hudson River Motor Boat Carnival, which will be held during the week of September 21. Dixie III returned from the Thousand Islands this week and is now at Bayonne. She is in perfect racing condition and will require no tuning up for the races next month.

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